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1. Between 14 and 27 February 1951, most of the troops in the Taumentzen Kaserne in Stendal (M 53/Y 85) wore crimson epaulets, with a small percentage wearing red-bordered black epaulets and a few wearing black-bordered black epaulets. About 1,600 troops fell in for roll call on 23 February. On the right wing of the units there was a 25-piece band and a color guard with a red flag. About 35 officers stood in front of the troops. Calculating the personnel not attending the roll call, such as kitchen personnel, etc., source estimated the number of troops in the installation at not less than 1,800. Two armored scout cars were observed with the assembled troops.  the installation quartered about 2,000 motorized infantry troops equipped with armored scout cars, light tanks, SP guns, light AT guns and about 100 trucks.  50X1-HUM
2. The Hindenburg Kaserne was still occupied by troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets.  50X1-HUM
3.  the installation quartered tank troops. There were about 200 tanks of models T-34 and JS. (1) The total number of troops in the installation was estimated at 3,000.  buildings on Fardenbergstrasse housed a high-echelon headquarters headed by a general. (2)  50X1-HUM
4. No arrival or departure of troop units was observed in Stendal between 17 February and 2 March.  50X1-HUM
5. Six 120-mm mortar sections of soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were seen training in the yard of the Taumentzen Kaserne on 19 February. Eight platoons, each of about 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, were observed drilling in the area along the north side of Pappelallee on 21 February.  50X1-HUM

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The units had come from the Tauentzien Kaserne [REDACTED]

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6. Troops with four 100-mm guns, apparently AT guns, were seen practicing at the northern section of the Borstel airfield on 21 February. Four other guns of the same type entered the airfield barracks installation, coming from the direction of Borstel. They were towed by trucks [REDACTED] Other motor vehicles observed at the airfield [REDACTED]

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7. Sentries at the Hindenburg Kaserne wore signal insignia. [REDACTED]

8. Tank troopers stood guard in front of the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne. [REDACTED]

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9. Tank troopers stood guard at the restricted headquarters area adjoining the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne. [REDACTED]

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10. Sedans [REDACTED] were observed in front of the Soviet kommandatura on Thaelmannstrasse, formerly Veltkestrasse. [REDACTED]

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11. From 28 February to 7 March, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied to capacity by 1,200 to 1,500 troops who wore crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. All windows of the installation visible from the street were lighted after sundown.

12. The Albrecht der Baer Kaserne quartered from 900 to 1,100 troops. Two groups of 12 men each practiced with two JS-3 tanks in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were observed.

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13. The quarters on Haferbreiterweg were occupied by about 150 troops with about 40 trucks. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen there.

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14. The former school building on Karl Liebkechtstrasse housed an officers mess and club and an auditorium. Motor vehicles [redacted] were parked in front of the school building. 50X1-HUM
15. The school building on Wilhelm Kuelzstrasse still housed a Soviet hospital. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
16. About 200 engineer troops were accomodated in the former fuel depot northwest of Tangermuende (M 53/Y 84). A shed there contained pneumatic rafts, entrenching tools and 32 pontoons with sloping front walls. Fifty troops received basic drill in the yard of the installation. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Comments.

- (1) The number of tanks in the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne was definitely exaggerated, since a motorized rifle division has only one tank regiment with not more than 60 to 70 tanks.
- (2) [redacted] the restricted area on Hardenbergstrasse is believed to house the Hq LXXIV Mtz Rifle Corps. The Hq 207th Mtz Rifle Div is probably located in the Albrecht Baer Kaserne. 50X1-HUM

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